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House Bill 642

By: Representatives Cox of the 102nd, Sheldon of the 105th, Thomas of the 100th, Coleman of the 97th, Everson of the 106th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 36-74-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 other local code enforcement methods and probable cause for investigations required, so as
- 3 to provide that a local government may require the registration of residential rental property;
- 4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Code Section 36-74-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other local
- 8 code enforcement methods and probable cause for investigations required, is amended by
- 9 revising subsection (b) as follows:
- 10 "(b) No local government is authorized to perform investigations or inspections of
- residential rental property unless there is probable cause to believe there is or has been a
- violation or violations of applicable codes, and in no event may a: provided, however, that
- 13 <u>a local government may require the registration of residential rental property.</u> Conditions
- which appear to be code violations which are in plain view may form the basis for probable
- 15 cause."

SECTION 2.

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.